

## Message Text

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ACTION PM-04

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 CIAE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00  
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FM AMEMBASSY RABAT  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1650  
INFO JCS/SECDEF ISA/DSAA WASHDC  
USCINCEUR ECJ4/7 VAIHINGEN GER

C O N F I D E N T I A L RABAT 2142

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS MO  
SUBJECT: MOROCCO - FY 77 FMS FINANCING

REF: A. RABAT 540 (DTG 281539Z JAN 77)  
B. RABAT 0874 (DTG 161739Z FEB 77)

1. REF A PROVIDED GOM'S DETAILED PLANS TO USE FY 77 FMS CREDIT.  
REF B REVISED REF A AND REQUESTED APPROVAL OF PLAN THROUGH THE  
FINAL T-34C SPARES PROGRESS PAYMENT (OCT 77) SO THAT CREDIT  
AGREEMENT COULD BE CONSUMMATED. REFS ALSO DISCUSSED GOM PLANS TO  
REQUEST PURCHASE OF TACTICAL JET AIRCRAFT WITH THEIR DECISION  
EXPECTED BY JUNE 77.

2. GOM HAS ADVISED US THAT THEY ARE UNABLE TO TAKE  
DELIVERY OF LATEST C-130H BECAUSE FY 77 FMS CREDIT IS NOT AVAIL-  
ABLE FOR PAYMENT. PLEASE ADVISE STATUS OF CREDIT AGREEMENT AND  
WHAT WE CAN DO TO EXPEDITE PROCESS.

3. FYI. RMAF HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH A PRIMARY MISSION OF  
DEFENSE AGAINST ALGERIAN ARMOR ALONG THEIR COMMON BORDER. RMAF  
HAD PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED THE AH-1 COBRA (TOW EQUIPPED) AS THE  
VEHICLE FOR THIS MISSION (SALE WAS APPROVED BY USG IN EARLY 1976).  
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COL KABBAJ, CHIEF RMAF, NOW BELIEVES THAT THE A-10 AIRCRAFT  
WOULD BE MORE COST EFFECTIVE FOR THIS MISSION. HE IS RELUCTANT,  
HOWEVER, TO FILE AN OFFICIAL REQUEST UNTIL THE RESULTS OF THE  
MILITARY SALES REASSESSMENT ARE KNOWN. HE HAS A FEAR OF UNWANTED  
COMMENTS IN THE U.S. PRESS IF HIS REQUEST FOR THE SALE OF A-10S  
IS TURNED DOWN.  
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